

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on January 15, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bill Tash (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch  
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 118, HB 119: POSTED JAN. 13, 1999

Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 118

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. DOUG MOOD **EXHIBIT**(sth11a01)  
**EXHIBIT**(sth11a02)**EXHIBIT**(sth11a03)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.8 -30}

Informational Testimonial:

DAVE SENN, Executive Director of TRS-**EXHIBIT**(sth11a04)  
Overview of Public Employee's Retirement Act. Went through  
exhibit 4 step by step, because essential in understanding why  
House Bill 118 be adopted.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.3 - 16.8}

Proponent's Testimony:

TOM BILODEAU, Secretary of Montana Education Assoc. They've been  
discussing tax issues that affect bills for pension plans for  
several years. This legislation does it.{Tape : 1; Side : B;  
Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 18.8}

GLEN LEAVITT, Board of Regents Montana University System {Tape :  
1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.9 - 19}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. GOALIE TO DAVID SENN: Why is there an age necessity  
requirement for disability eligibility? SENN: Must have five  
years of teaching time and experience, then it guarantees you 15%  
of your salary.

REP. WAGNER TO DAVID SENN:

REP. WALTER TO DAVID SENN: Referencing to the fiscal note; what  
about pop-up payments {80%-100%} if spouse dies? SENN: Have to  
have monies to pay the pop-up increase.{Tape : 1; Side : B;  
Approx. Time Counter : 19.4 - 26.1}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. DOUG MOOD  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.2 - 27.4}

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. DOUG MOOD  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 -2.7}

Proponent's Testimony:

MIKE O'CONNOR, Executive Director of Public Employee's Retirement System **EXHIBIT**(sth11a05)**EXHIBIT**(sth11a06)**EXHIBIT**(sth11a07)**EXHIBIT**(sth11a08)**EXHIBIT**(sth11a09){Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8 - 30 {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 6.7}}

GLEN LEAVITT, Director of Benefits for Montana University System {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7 - 7.1}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. TASH TO MIKE O'CONNOR. Do these amendments meet all qualifications: Yes; IRS and our staff researchers have carefully checked this bill.

REP. BRAINARD TO MIKE O'CONNOR.

REP. WAGNER TO MIKE O'CONNOR. Will the effective date of this **act** be grand- fathered back in time? You can opt in after 180 days. {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1 - 17}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. DOUG MOOD  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.2 - 17}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

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REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

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KAREN MILLS, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT**(sth11aad)